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COUNTRY	Bulgaria
SUBJECT	1. Coastal Defenses; 2. Tonnage of Ships

## REPORT

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1. Coast artillery batteries are located in the following places:
  - a. 5 kilometers east of Shabla (N 43-33, E 28-32), Balchik Okoliya;
  - b. 1 kilometer north of Balchik;
  - c. 15 kilometers north of Stalin;
  - d. 1 kilometer south of Galata (N 43-10, E 27-56), Stalin Okoliya;
  - e. 4 kilometers east of Priseltsi (N 43-07, E 27-50), Stalin Okoliya;
  - f. Obsor (N 42-49, E 27-53), Pomorie Okoliya;
  - g. Sveti Nikola (N 42-42, E 27-53), Burgas Okoliya; and
  - h. Michurin.
2. The gun positions 5 kilometers east of Shabla ( see sketches on pages 3-6.) run in a zig-sag fashion. They include a central point, a command post, and an observation post. The positions are 200-300 meters from the Black Sea shore and are 70-80 meters apart and connected by concrete trenches.
3. Seventy to eighty meters in front of the gun positions there is a central point with an electric generator, which is connected by cable with each gun. A concrete trench leads from the central point to the fourth gun (see sketch No 1). The command post, which directs the four gun positions, is located 40-50 meters in front of the central point and is connected with it by a concrete trench and by a cable. The observation post is 20 meters in front of the command post and connected with it by a concrete trench and a cable.
4. Two ammunition dumps, which are about 200 meters behind the gun positions,

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are connected with the first gun position by a concrete trench. All the trenches are made of reinforced concrete and are deep in the ground. The cables are 1.50 meters below the ground and are covered with stone plates so that they cannot be cut.

5. The guns are in the open and mounted on rails. They can revolve in a semicircle up to 180 degrees. The barrels of the guns can be elevated up to 45 degrees. The Soviet-made guns are run by electricity and fire automatically. The guns, which have a range of up to 35 nautical miles, have 7-8-meter barrels with a diameter of 30-40 centimeters. The barracks of the coast artillery battery are near Shabla and 400-500 meters south of the gun positions.

6. The following fortifications are known

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- a. A trench which runs from Rogachevo (N 43-22, E 28-02) two kilometers south, makes a curve, and crosses the Stalin-Balchik road. Four machine gun nests 100-200 meters apart are located 2 kilometers from the Stalin-Balchik road. The machine gun nests are made of stone, are dug in the ground, and are covered with beams and dirt;
- b. A trench which runs from Kranevo (N 43-20, E 28-04) four kilometers north and along which there are also four machine gun nests;
- c. A trench which starts 500 meters north of Sveta Marina (N 43-24, E 28-08) and runs 500 meters south of this village. Two machine gun nests and a shelter are located on the northern portion of the trench. An artillery gun emplacement is also located here. The southern portion of the trench has two machine gun nests. The machine gun nests are similar to those in paragraph a;
- d. Two machine gun nests are located 100 meters north of the "Rodni Balkani" Tourist Home, Stalin Okoliya, and two machine gun nests are located 500 meters south of this home;
- e. A trench which starts two kilometers southeast of Shkorpilovtsi (N 42-58, E 27-53), passes the southern edge of the village, and runs three kilometers north of it. Two machine gun nests are located at the northern end and two at the southern end of the trench. Each machine gun nest has 5-6 embrasures and a shelter. A second trench starts east of the village, runs 4-5 kilometers north of it, makes a turn towards the west, and runs 2 kilometers in a western direction. Two small machine gun nests are located at the southern end of this trench; three machine gun nests, one artillery gun emplacement, and a shelter are located at the turn; and two machine gun nests are located at the western end of the trench.

All fortifications are made of stone and are covered with beams and dirt (See sketches 6, 7, 8 and 9.)

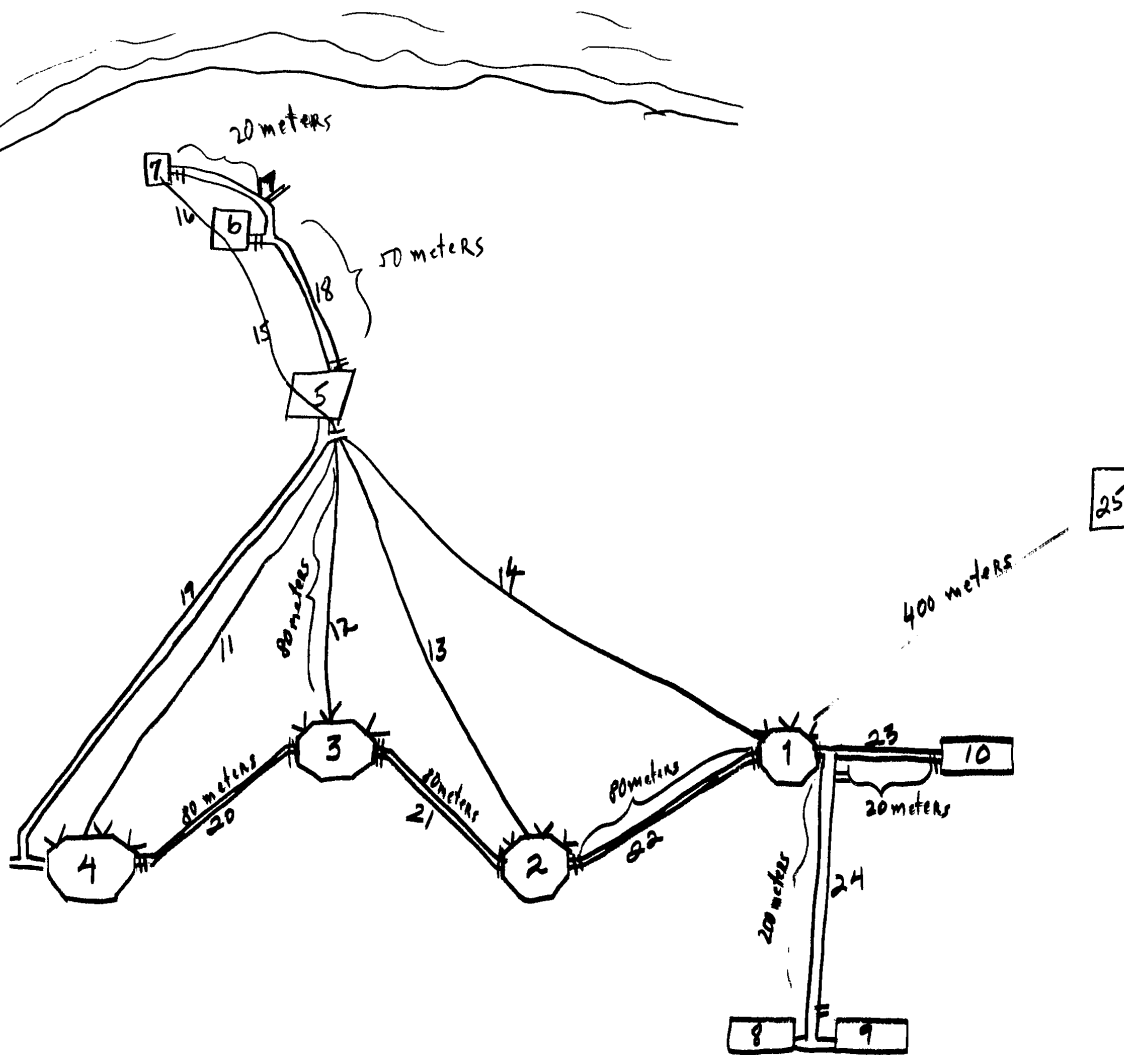
7. The following is the tonnage of Bulgarian ships:

- a. GEORGI DIMITROV, 1,250 tons;
- b. ALEKSANDUR STAMBOLYISKI, 1,250 tons;
- c. DIMITUR BLAGOEV, 1,250;
- d. GEORGI KIRKOV, 600 tons;
- e. KHRISTO SMIRNENSKI, 600 tons;
- f. TSANKO TSERKOVSKI, 600 tons;
- g. RUSE, 500 tons;
- h. SILISTRA, 370 tons;
- i. TUTRAKAN, 370 tons;
- j. VIDIN, 500 tons;
- k. PLOVDIV, 600 tons;
- l. SOMOVIT, 200 tons;
- m. SVISHTOV, 200 tons; and
- n. ORYAKHOVO, 200 tons.

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Sketch No. 1



## LEGEND:

- 1, 2, 3, 4 - Gun positions
- 5 - Central point
- 6 - Command post
- 7 - Observation post
- 8, 9, 10 - Storage depots
- 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 - Cables
- 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 - Concrete trenches
- 25 - Barracks
- ✓ - Embrasures
- || - Exits

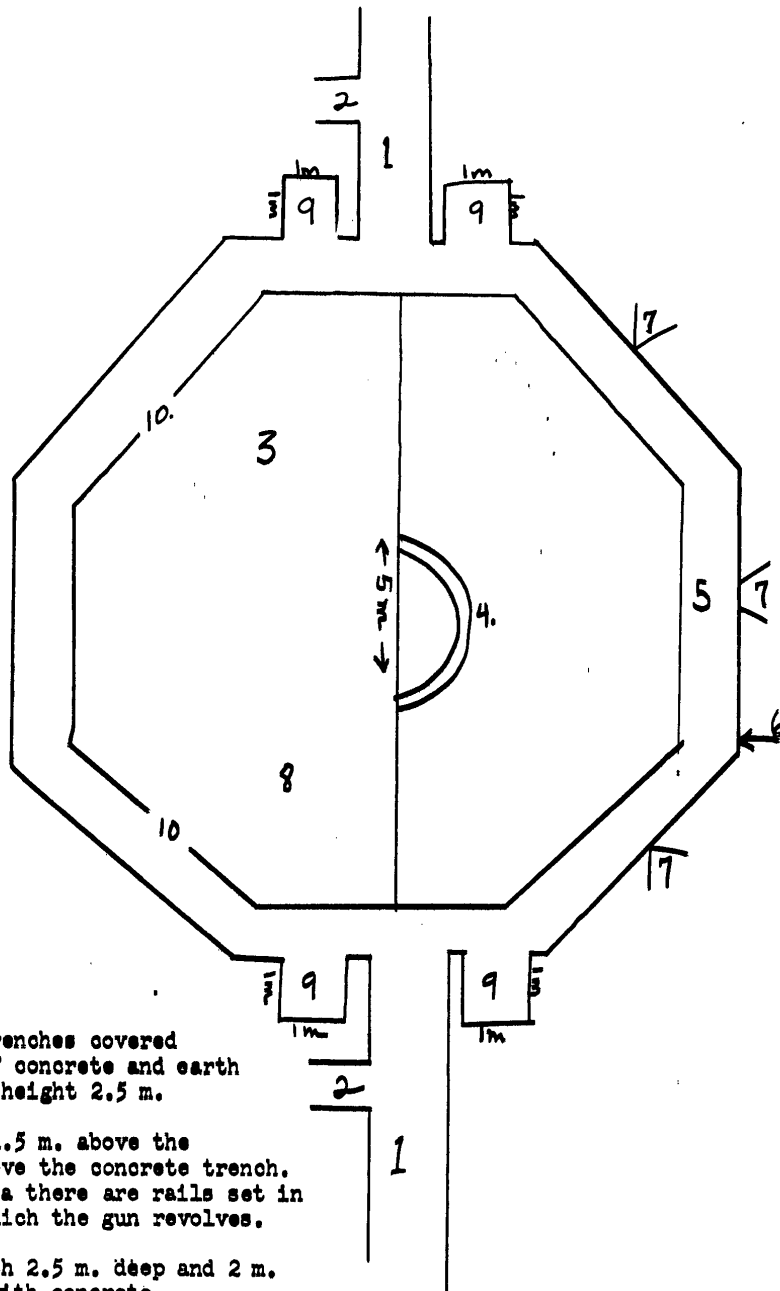
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SKETCH No. 2

Gun Emplacement



## LEGEND

- 1 - Underground trenches covered with 40 cm. of concrete and earth --width, 2 m; height 2.5 m.
- 2 - Exits
- 3 - This area is 1.5 m. above the ground and above the concrete trench. Above this area there are rails set in concrete on which the gun revolves.
- 4 - Rails
- 5 - Concrete trench 2.5 m. deep and 2 m. wide covered with concrete.
- 6 - 40 cm. thick walls.
- 7 - Embrasures
- 8 - Gun in the open
- 9 - For ammunition
- 10 - Openings for passing ammunition

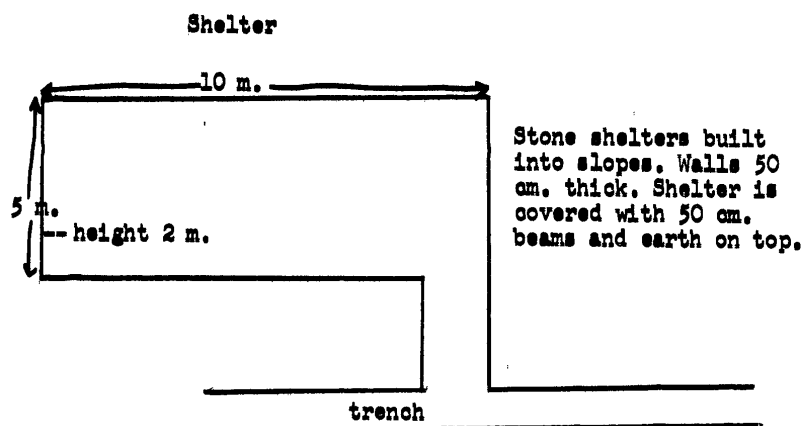
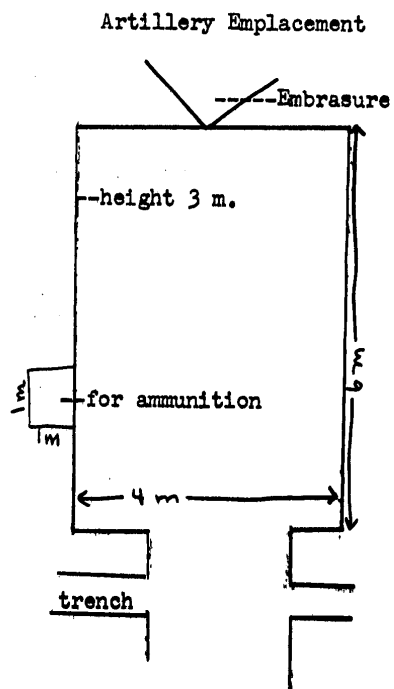
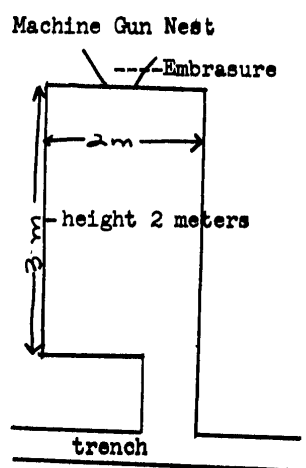
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Sketches 3, 4, and 5.

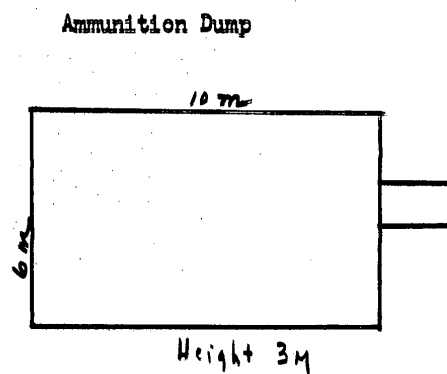
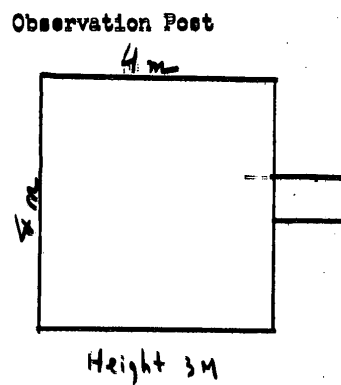
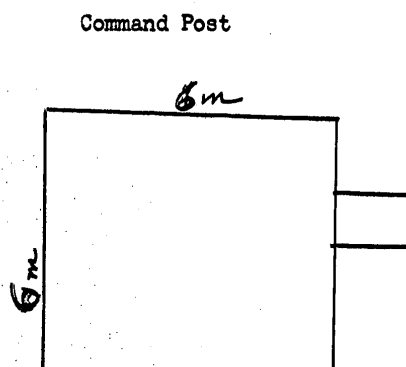
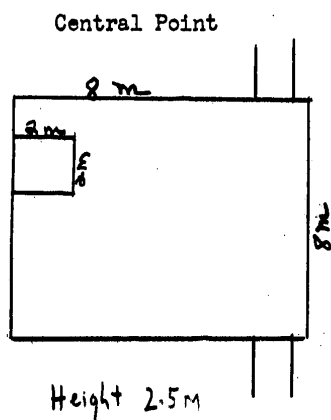


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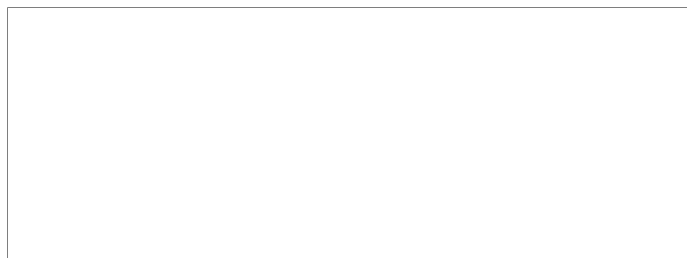
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Sketches 6, 7, 8 and 9.



Each of the above installations have 40 cm. thick concrete walls and cover, which is level with the ground.



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